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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC, SHUM (LEFEVRE, LOUIS)
SUBJECT: ARREST LOUIS LEFEVRE

1. CONSULAR OFFICER

ATTENDED MAGISTRATE'S COURT SESSION OF
JUNE 26. AFTER ONE 20 MINUTE RECESS TO ENABLE PROSECUTION
TO BRING IN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND SECOND 15 MINUTE RECESS
TO ENABLE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE LAWYERS TO CONSULT, PRO-
SECTION PRESENTED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TO ENABLE PRO-
SECUTION TO COMPLETE ACTION ON OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED WITH
THE CASE.

2. ALTHOUGH DEFENSE ATTORNEY CHIEF ROTIMI WILLIAMS WAS NOT
HAPPY WITH THE MOTION, HE AGREED IF IT WOULD FINALLY DISPOSE
OF THE CASE BUT WITH CONDITION THAT LEFEVRE WOULD BE ALLOWED
TO RETURN TO HIS FAMILY IN THE U.S. UNTIL THE DATE SET FOR
THE NEXT COURT SESSION. PROSECUTION AGREED, AND MAGISTRATE
DECLARED AN ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JULY 17, 1978.

3. THE REASON BEHIND THE PROSECUTIONS MOTION CAME OUT IN
DISCUSSION WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. PROSECUTION LAWYER
WAZIRI STATED THAT THEY HAVE NOT FOUND SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE
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TO PURSUE CASE AND HAVE SENT A MOTION TO THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL TO DROP THE CASE. SINCE TIME IS REQUIRED TO
ENABLE HIM TO REVIEW CASE, AN ADJOURNMENT IS REQUIRED.
PROSECUTION HAD NO OBJECTION TO LEFEVRE'S RETURN TO THE
US AND WOULD PUT UP NO OBSTACLES.

4. CHIEF ROTIMI WILLIAMS STATED THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING

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INSPECTOR GENERAL AND AMBASSDOR EASUM WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED
UPON HIS RETURN ON JUNE 30 IN THE EVENT HE BELIEVES A
MEETING WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS CALLED FOR.
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